(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) In veiw of requests received from various State Governments including Gujarat for increasing the SKO allocation, the Government of India commissioned a detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country, through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December 2004. NCAER submitted its report in October 2005. NCAER has *inter-alia* recommended to restrict the subsidy on kerosene to BPL families only. Also, Dr. Rangarajan Committee constituted by the Government to formulate a long-term pricing policy of petroleum products has also recommended to restrict PDS SKO subsidy to BPL families only. The Government has accepted the recommendations of Dr. Rangarajan Committee Report and has decided "in principle" that subsidy on PDS Kerosene may be restricted to BPL families only. The proposal to work out the modalities to implement this decision and for rationalizing the allocation of PDS kerosene among States/UTs is under the consideration of the Government.

Gas in KG Basin

3627. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the chronological details of gas discovery and declaration of gas availability by ONGC, Reliance and others in KG Basin; and

(b) the tentative dates of gas availability committed by above concerns at the time of discovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The chronological details of gas discoveries in KG Basin in given in the Statement (*See* below). These gas discoveries are at various stages of appraisal/ development. The availability of gas depends on its commerciality and implementation of its development plan.

The development plans of D1 and D3 discoveries of RIL have been fanalised. The commercial production of gas is likely to commence from June, 2008 with peak production @ 80 MMSCMD.

Statement

Chronological details of Gas Discoveries in KG Basin

Year	Company (operator)	Block	Round	Gas Discovery Name	Date of Gas Discovery	Present Status
2000-01	CEIL(the then operator) ONGC (Present Operator)	KG-DWN-98/2	NELP-1	Annapurna	June'01	Discovery was made by CEIL. It is under further appraisal by present operator.
2002-03	RIL	KG-DWN-98/3	NELP-1	Dhirubhai-1 Dhirubhai-2 Dhirubhai-3 Dhirubhai-4	Oct'02 Oct'02 Oct'02 Jan'-3	D-1,2,3 declared commercial. Deveopment Plan of D1 & D3 finalised.
2003-04	RIL	KG-DWN-98/3	NELP-I	Dhirubhai-5 Dhirubhai-6	July'03 July'03	Under evaluation.
2004-05	RIL	KG-DWN-98/3	NELP-II	Dhirubhai-7 Dhirubhai-8 Dhirubhai-16	May'04 May'04 Aug'04	Commerciality under review
2005-06	RIL	KG-DWN-98/3	NELP-1	Dhirubhai-18 Dhirubhai-19 Dhirubhai-22 Dhirubhai-23	April'05 April'05 Aug'05 Oct'05	Under evaluation. Commerciality under review
2005-06	GSPC	KG-OSN-2001/3	NELP-III	KG-8	June'05	Under evaluation by the operator.
2005-06	ONGC	KG-DWN-98/2	NELP-1	DWN-U-1 DWN-A-1 DWN-W-1	Jan'-06 Jan'06 April'06	Under evaluation by the operator.
2006-07	RIL	KG-DWN-98/3 KG-OSN-2001/1	NELP-I NELP-III	Dhirubhai-31 Dhirubhai-28	March'07 Sept'06	Under evaluation by the operator.
2006-07	ONGC	KG-DWN-98/2	NELP-1	DWN-UD-1	Dec'06	Under evaluation by the operator.